

Annual or perennial plants with fibrous, partly fibrous, partly fleshy or more or less tuberiform roots. Leaves basal and cauline, entire in some species, more often palmatifid or palmatipartite, lobate or rarely pinnate. Flowers solitary or in a cymose inflorescence. Sepals usually 5, deciduous after flowering. Petals 5, rarely more or less, with a subbasal nectar-pit often protected by a scale. Stamens numerous, spirally arranged. Carpels arranged in globose to oblong heads, unilocular with one ovule. Fruitlets (achenes) nut-like, inflated or \pm laterally compressed, usually with a distinct, straight or curved style (beak).